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The Honorable John Dingell
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell:

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I write to endorse your Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, HR 2563. Your bill is a strong and comprehensive bill, which provides critical enhancements to the health care rights of consumers.

This legislation is clearly in the best interest of the consumer and protects the rights of all Americans, going beyond other pending bills by leaving patients less vulnerable to the decisions of their health plans. Americans want their medical decisions to be in the hands of their trusted providers.

We applaud you for your leadership in this area of patient rights. Please let me know how we can further support you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Martha A. McSteen
President